



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Health & Family Support**

Date: December 15, 2008

To: HEALTH, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Referral to: WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Subject: COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT FOR SUBMISSION OF A ONE YEAR
GRANT REQUEST OF \$75,000 TO THE OTTO BREMER FOUNDATION
TO DEVELOP RITES OF PASSAGE PROGRAMS IN SIX
MINNEAPOLIS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES

Recommendation:

The Department of Health and Family Support requests Council endorsement of a one year grant request of \$75,000 to the Otto Bremer Foundation for a project period of June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010 to develop rites of passage programs in six Minneapolis cultural communities.

Previous Directives: Council approval to apply for a grant of up to \$500,000 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on October 24, 2008.

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Presenters in Committee: Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

☒ Other financial impact (Explain): The City of Minneapolis would receive a grant of \$75,000.

Background/Supporting Information Attached

As required by the Otto Bremer Foundation, the Department of Health and Family Support requests Council endorsement for a one-year grant request of \$75,000 as part of a funding strategy to develop contemporary Rites of Passage programs for adolescents in Minneapolis' American Indian, African American, Latino, Hmong, Vietnamese, and Somali cultural communities. The funding request supports recommendations of *Blueprint for Action: Preventing Youth Violence*.

In October the department applied for a three year grant of up to \$500,000 from the Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) Foundation Local Funding Partnerships program. If funded, the RWJ Foundation will match dollar-for-dollar funding secured from local grant makers for the project. The Otto Bremer Foundation has committed to raising the matching funds from local funding partners for this project for a possible total budget of \$1 million during the three year project. This request represents the majority of funds needed for match for the first year of the project. Other match funding is being sought from The Minneapolis Foundation and the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation of Minnesota.